# **Marine Life Protection Act Initiative**



# MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force Guidance for Marine Protected Area Planning

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# **Compilation of BRTF Guidance**

- Compilation of MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) Guidance
  - Summary of guidance from previous study regions
  - Approved by the BRTF on March 1, 2010
- Topics include:
  - Science guidelinesSAT evaluations
  - Cross-interest support
    Best Readily Available Data
  - California Department of Fish and Game (DFG)
    Feasibility Criteria
  - Water QualityFunding
  - Special ClosuresMilitary Use Areas

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#### **BRTF Tribal Actions**

- On March 18, BRTF discussed guidance to the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCRSG) regarding tribal use activities
  - Adopted specific language to supplement other guidance provided to date
  - Guidance document includes:
    - 1.Memo from MLPA Initiative staff
    - 2. Memo from InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council
- BRTF to support DFG and California Department of Parks and Recreation in pursuit of long-term solutions
  - April 9 meeting of state and federal agencies with California tribes and tribal communities
  - Long-term solution not likely before completion of north coast planning process



### **Tribal Guidance from BRTF**

- Work with California tribes and tribal communities to learn about practices and resource use
- Where possible, avoid high priority tribal use areas when recommending marine protected areas
- Where it is not possible to avoid tribal use areas, propose specific allowed uses in a state marine conservation area or state marine park
- BRTF noted that DFG guidance is allowed uses should apply to all Californians and not be specific to any tribe or tribal community

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# **Potential Future Guidance**

- Additional guidance from the BRTF as needed
  - Issues from the NCRSG or SAT will be flagged by MLPA Initiative staff
  - Guidance may be reviewed as additional information becomes available
  - State and federal agency dialogue with tribes and tribal communities may further inform guidance